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DISPATCH NO. C J-1500

P.B.FORTUNE file

TO : Chief, WHD

RYBAT

DATE: SEP 16 1953

FROM : C J C

SUBJECT: GENERAL- Operational
SPECIFIC- PBFORTUNE

1. Attached hereto is a self-explanatory memorandum addressed to me by the ACofS, J-2, relating to this subject.

2. This memorandum arrived at my desk marked EYES ONLY in a sealed envelope on 8 September 1953. On 9 September I personally reviewed the entire file in the office of the ACofS, J-2, and concluded that the attached memorandum is an accurate summary of the contents thereof. I cautioned the J-2 again regarding the sensitivity of this subject and thanked him for having pulled the file together under his custody.

3. On 9 September I personally took a copy of the attached memorandum to Richard F. Arville, informed him of the above, and stated this letter would be forwarded to Washington. I have also informed Arville and Jacob B. Hirschwood that they may examine the file in the J-2's office if they so desire.

ZTC/mtj

C J
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15 September 1953

Encl: 1 memo

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HEADQUARTERS CARIBBEAN COMMAND
Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, J2
Quarry Heights, Canal Zone

CC (D) 373.4

31 August 1953

SUBJECT: **C**] Incident - 30 July

TO: Commanding Officer
7551st ASU
(Personal)

1. A resumee of subject incident, as obtained from reports, as required by Headquarters Caribbean Command from the Component Commands in the Panama area has disclosed the following points:

a. From both the Navy and Air Force portions of the attached paper, it appears that there is some doubt as to the qualifications of the skipper of the vessel for independent duty. It is also indicated that over-all crew proficiency and maintenance on the LCI was not up to the standard desired for long missions of the type the LCI was attempting.

b. Communications difficulty was encountered by the RCC because only one (1) frequency was released to contact the LCI.

c. The security aspect of the mission continuously confronted the RCC. This point probably should not have been revealed at all. The revealing of such was not necessary to the satisfactory completion of the RCC mission of providing assistance.

2. This information is forwarded in order to possibly assist the 7551st in realizing better assistance from the Component Commands.

3. It was most unfortunate that the security aspects have been injured due to the chain of events which took place during the incident.

4. Should you desire to review the details from which the comments noted in paragraph 1 stem, the file is held by J-2 who will be pleased to make this available.

5. For your information, J-2 assumed custody of the indicated file as a security measure.

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